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Application of : **Confirmation No. 8581**  
Alfred SCHAUFLE : **Docket No. 2002-0092A**  
Serial No. 10/054,854 : **Group Art Unit 1744**  
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A METHOD OF PREPARING A COLLAGEN  
SPONGE, A DEVICE FOR EXTRACTING A  
PART OF A COLLAGEN FOAM, AND AN  
ELONGATED COLLAGEN SPONGE

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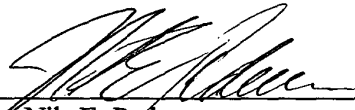
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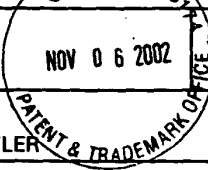
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